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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

AKIHIKO NAKAZAWA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/467,986

Filed: December 21, 1999

For: ENDLESS BELT FOR
ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHY,
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
THE ENDLESS BELT, AND
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
HAVING THE ENDLESS BELT

Examiner: L. Ferguson

Group Art Unit: 1774

August 5, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated April 18, 2003 from July 18, 2003 to August 18, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

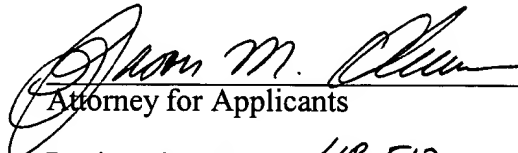
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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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